

To: Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]
From: Gary H. Baise
Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 4:07:12 PM
Subject: Fwd: Anatomy of a Deep State - WSJ - and would you like to be invited?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Joseph Bast <JBast@heartland.org>
Date: May 26, 2017 at 11:23:22 AM EDT
To: Undisclosed recipients;;
Subject: Anatomy of a Deep State - WSJ - and would you like to be invited?

Friends,

Today's Wall Street Journal reports, in the article below, a meeting to be convened in June by EPA's "Science Integrity Official" that seems to lack individuals with, shall we say, "science integrity." I'm just starting to think about this, but...

* I have a list of about 300 scientists and economists who specialize in climate change and are not dependent on EPA grants, all with advanced degrees and with publications in the field, who perhaps could be invited to attend this meeting. You may have your own similar list.

* If you have advice on whether/how I might ask Francesca Grifo to invite these folks, please share it with me. I suppose a simple letter or email from me to her might get more attention if someone else on the Bcc line of this message were to provide insight into how it ought to be phrased, to whom it should be sent or cc'ed, etc.

* Please let me know if you would be interested in attending this meeting, and perhaps supply names and contact info for others who would be.

Joe

Joseph Bast

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Anatomy of a Deep State

The EPA's 'Science Integrity Official' is plotting to undermine Trump's agenda.

[Kimberley A. Strassel](#) May 25, 2017 7:07 p.m. ET

By Kimberley A. Strassel

On May 8 a woman few Americans have heard of, working in a federal post that even fewer know exists, summoned a select group of 45 people to a June meeting in Washington. They were almost exclusively representatives of liberal activist groups. The invitation explained they were invited to develop “future plans for scientific integrity” at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Meet the deep state. That’s what conservatives call it now, though it goes by other names. The administrative state. The entrenched governing elite. Lois Lerner. The federal bureaucracy. Whatever the description, what’s pertinent to today’s Washington is that this cadre of federal employees, accountable to no one, is actively working from within to thwart Donald Trump’s agenda.

There are few better examples than the EPA post of Scientific Integrity Official. (Yes, that is an actual job title.) The position is a legacy of Barack Obama, who at his 2009 inaugural promised to “restore science to its rightful place”—his way of warning Republicans that there’d be no more debate on climate change or other liberal environmental priorities.

Team Obama directed federal agencies to implement “scientific integrity” policies. Most agencies tasked their senior leaders with overseeing these rules. But the EPA—always the overachiever—bragged that it alone had chosen to “hire a senior level employee” whose only job would be to “act as a champion for scientific integrity throughout the agency.”

In 2013 the EPA hired Francesca Grifo, longtime activist at the far-left Union of Concerned Scientists. Ms. Grifo had long complained that EPA scientists were “under siege”—according to [a report](#) she helped write—by Republican “political appointees” and “industry lobbyists” who had “manipulated” science on everything from “mercury pollution to groundwater contamination to climate science.”

As Scientific Integrity Official, Ms. Grifo would have the awesome power to root out all these meddlesome science deniers. A 2013 Science magazine story reported she would lead an entire Scientific Integrity Committee, write an annual report documenting

science “incidents” at the agency, and even “investigate” science problems—alongside no less than the agency’s inspector general.

And get this: “Her job is not a political appointment,” the Science article continues, “so it comes with civil service protections.” Here was a bureaucrat with the authority to define science and shut down those who disagreed, and she could not be easily fired, even under a new administration.

Ms. Grifo perhaps wasn’t too busy in the Obama years, since EPA scientists were given carte blanche to take over the economy. She seems to have been uninterested when EPA scientists used secret meetings and private email to collude with environmental groups—a practice somewhat lacking in scientific integrity.

She has been busier these past few months. In March the Sierra Club demanded that the EPA’s inspector general investigate whether the agency’s newly installed administrator, Scott Pruitt, had violated policy by suggesting carbon dioxide might not be the prime driver of global warming. The inspector general referred the matter to . . . the Scientific Integrity Official. So now an unelected, unappointed activist could pass judgment on whether the Senate-confirmed EPA chief is too unscientific to run his own agency. So much for elections.

There’s also that “scientific integrity” event planned for June. Of the 45 invitations, only one went to an organization ostensibly representing industry, the American Chemistry Council. A couple of academics got one. The rest? Earthjustice. Public Citizen. The Natural Resources Defense Council. Center for Progressive Reform. Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. Environmental Defense Fund. Three invites alone for the Union of Concerned Scientists. Anyone want to guess how the meeting will go?

This is a government employee using taxpayer funds to gather political activists on government grounds to plot—let’s not kid ourselves—ways to sabotage the Trump administration. Ms. Grifo did not respond to a request for comment.

Messrs. Pruitt and Trump should take the story as a hint of the fight they face to reform government. It's hard enough to overcome a vast bureaucracy that ideologically opposes their efforts. But add to the challenge the powerful, formalized resistance of posts, all across the government, like the Scientific Integrity Official. Mr. Obama worked hard to embed his agenda within government to ensure its survival. Today it is the source of leaks, bogus whistleblower complaints, internal sabotage.

Pitched battle with these folks is no way to govern. The better answer is dramatic agency staff cuts—maybe start with the post of Scientific Integrity Official?—as well as greater care in hiring true professionals for key bureaucratic posts. The sooner department heads recognize and take action against that deep state, the sooner this administration might begin to drain the swamp.

Write to kim@wsj.com.

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From: Benton, Donald
Sent: Thur 3/30/2017 2:53:58 AM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

David,

We will all miss you, your positive attitude and your tremendous intellect . You have been an incredible asset here and never forget that you were part of a very special team that helped ignite the next industrial revolution in America. Your level of commitment, dedication and intelligence will be impossible to replace. You truly have Made America Great Again!

Good luck and my best wishes go with you always.

Thank you,

Don

Senator Don Benton

Senior White House Advisor

From: Bangerter, Layne
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Munoz, Charles
Cc: Kreutzer, David; Dravis, Samantha; Bolen, Brittany; Gunasekara, Mandy; Greenwalt, Sarah; Jackson, Ryan; Freire, JP; Davis, Patrick; Benton, Donald; Konkus, John; Sugiyama, George; Greaves, Holly; Schwab, Justin; Pruitt, Scott
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Layne Bangerter

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Sincerely,

David

David W. Kreutzer, Ph.D.

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To: Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]
From: Kreutzer, David
Sent: Thur 3/30/2017 12:29:51 AM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

I feel very, very fortunate to have worked with you and to be able to call you a friend. You're as fine a person as I've ever met.

Hope we can stay in touch.

David
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From: Benton, Donald
Location: WJC-N 3412
Importance: High
Subject: Canceled: Trump Administration Team
Start Date/Time: Tue 2/28/2017 9:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 2/28/2017 10:00:00 PM

Since we are all being integrated into the agency in our respective roles, there is no need to continue our group meetings. Each of you will be meeting with your respective department and office heads in your own meetings. As Presidential Appointees, Charles and I will continue to be available to you individually if you need my assistance in any matter.

I cannot say enough about the fantastic job you have all done here over the last 6 weeks. I will remember it as one of the best team experiences I have had in my life. I know that you will move forward and continue to do your part to Make America Great Again and to make President Trump and Administrator Pruitt wildly successful in their roles.

Thank you for Everything,
Don

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From: Davis, Patrick
Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 9:56:28 PM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

David,

God speed. I know where to come for some sanity and a good laugh. It has been a fun and wild ride.

Patrick

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To: Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]
From: Citizen Name/Ex. 6
Sent: Thur 2/2/2017 11:07:40 PM
Subject: Resume
Resume and Cover letter.pdf

Layne,

Here's the resume I uploaded. My top priorities are:

1. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Danmark.
2. Region 10 HUD administrator.
3. USDA RD in Idaho.

I would accept a position in DC if I could aggressively help President Trump implement his agenda to Make America Great Again.

Thanks,

Citizen Name/Ex. 6

To: Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]; Munoz, Charles[munoz.charles@epa.gov]; Schnare, David[schnare.david@epa.gov]; sugiyama.george@epa.mail[sugiyama.george@epa.mail]; Kreutzer, David[kreutzer.david@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Greaves, Holly[greaves.holly@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin[schwab.justin@epa.gov]; Davis, Patrick[davis.patrick@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Ericksen, Doug
Sent: Tue 2/21/2017 9:15:04 PM
Subject: message from Ericksen

Dear Beachhead Team Members,

Tonight I am flying out to Washington state to work at my State Senate job and continue to work in my capacity as Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee.

I want to share with you what a great experience this last month has been. The beachhead team is unlike any experience I have ever had.

This is the greatest “team” experience and feeling I have had since my days in competitive sports.

I have come to appreciate each and every one of you for the gifts that you have and your commitment to the cause.

I am looking forward to getting back out here to DC to continue in our efforts.

I will be in contact and available while in Washington state. In the short term I will be working out of the Region 10 office in Seattle.

All the best to each one of you and thank you for all that you are doing to Make America Great Again.

Doug Ericksen

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From: Dankert, Charles M. EOP/OMB
Location: William Jefferson Clinton - North Building
Importance: Normal
Subject: FW: EPA + OMB = MAGA
Start Date/Time: Fri 2/3/2017 6:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 2/3/2017 7:00:00 PM

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From: Dankert, Charles M. EOP/OMB [mailto:[EOP/Ex. 6](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Dankert, Charles M. EOP/OMB; Peacock, Marcus C. EOP/OMB; Munoz, Charles
Subject: EPA + OMB = MAGA
When: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: William Jefferson Clinton - North Building

To: David Schlatter[david@davidmschlatter.com]; Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]
Cc: 'Jeff Wasden'[jwasden@cobrt.com]
From: Davis, Patrick
Sent: Thur 4/20/2017 8:52:54 PM
Subject: RE: EPA visit 3/3/17 and follow-up letter

David and Jeff,

Thank you for sending this letter. There is no need to send a mail copy. I will send it along to the White House and Administrator Pruitt.

Thanks,

Patrick Davis

EPA

Special Assistant to the Administrator

202-564-3103 office

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From: David Schlatter [mailto:david@davidmschlatter.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Cc: Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; 'Jeff Wasden' <jwasden@cobrt.com>
Subject: EPA visit 3/3/17 and follow-up letter

Dear Mr. Benton,

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As a fellow leader from the northwest, originally Oregon in my case, I clearly appreciate the values you bring to the EPA and DC to balance the economy and the environment. Jobs are key. Over-regulation, including outdated and duplicative regulations place not only an extreme burden on small businesses but hamper our ability to innovate, grow, and ultimately compete in the global economy. That said, EPA priorities and funding are crucial for clean air, water, and repurposing brownfields, superfund sites for economic reuse and value to Make America Great Again.

Please give our personal regards to President Trump and Administrator Pruitt. We look forward to meeting again and helping to advance change in Colorado and our country. Thank you.

David Schlatter, 720.325.7319

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Cc: Davis, Patrick[davis.patrick@epa.gov]; 'Jeff Wasden'[jwasden@cobrt.com]
From: David Schlatter
Sent: Thur 4/20/2017 8:22:26 PM
Subject: EPA visit 3/3/17 and follow-up letter
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April 20, 2017

President Trump
Administrator Pruitt

Dear President Trump and Administrator Pruitt,

We had the pleasure and honor to engage with EPA staff led by Senior White House Advisor, Don Benton, and Senior Advisor, Patrick Davis. It was a productive discussion and we look forward to the actions that follow.

As you are well aware, over-regulation, including outdated and duplicative regulations place not only an extreme burden on small businesses but hamper our ability to innovate, grow, and ultimately compete in the global economy. However, EPA priorities and funding are crucial for clean air, water, and repurposing brownfields, superfund sites for economic reuse and value to Make America Great Again.

During our briefing, we received significant and substantive policy updates from Mr. Benton and Mr. Davis. Both are strong advocates for policy changes within the EPA that we support including the following:

- 1) Gold King Mine payments in process. Unfortunate and avoidable disaster that we must learn from and not repeat
- 2) State control on meeting ozone standards
- 3) Rolling back methane regulations placed under former President Obama
- 4) More state input and authority granted to EPA administrators
- 5) Look at appropriate staffing levels within EPA bureaucracy and make cuts when, where possible
- 6) WIFIA Adjusting funding for smaller municipalities to get 50% match of local portion
- 7) Funding for infrastructure projects and a fair, equitable distribution of funds to states
- 8) Input and action on Good Samaritan Legislation
- 9) EPA mission focused on clean air and water, not climate change.
- 10) Messaging that is not combative but focuses on stewardship and responsibility

We welcome the opportunity for further discussion and would gladly host a separate briefing in Colorado should the need and opportunity occur. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jeff Wasden,
President
Colorado Business Roundtable

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To: Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]
From: Ken Flechler
Sent: Thur 4/13/2017 8:13:50 PM
Subject: Re: MEETING YOU [WARNING: SPF validation failed]

Congrats.

On Apr 13, 2017, at 2:26 PM, Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Friends,

Today I will be sworn in as the new Director of the United States Selective Service System and this will be my last day at the EPA.

It has been the honor of my life to lead the transition team through the seamless transition of power here at EPA for President Trump as his Senior Advisor. Working with you and the professionals here at EPA has been a real pleasure. I have made many friends here that I will have for the rest of my life.

I wish all of you and the new Administrator the greatest success in implementing President Trump's goals and policies. Change is always one of the toughest things human beings have to manage, but I have no doubt you we will all be successful in your efforts to make America Great again!

My new office email will be: don.benton@sss.gov and will be active on Friday. My personal mobile is Personal Phone/Ex. 6 and you are welcome to call me at any time. If I can ever be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to call me.

If you have further business with the EPA please contact the Chief of Staff or Samantha Dravis in the Policy Office

Most Sincerely,

Don Benton

White House Senior Advisor

Don

Senator Don Benton

Senior White House Advisor

Office of the Administrator

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From: Ken Flechler [<mailto:KFlechler@pike.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 1:02 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Cc: Matthew Keelen <mkeelen@keelengroup.com>

Subject: Re: MEETING YOU [WARNING: SPF validation failed]

Don – Congratulations on the new appointment! It was great meeting you and I look forward to seeing you again.

I am currently flying back from Haiti after having spent a couple days with the new Haitian President. He is a very interesting leader with a vision that matches up with the vision of President Trump. I know that his staff has been speaking to a couple people at the White House about a potential visit but after hearing what is “really” happening in Haiti, I asked the President to begin to develop a position paper and a plan that he can then ask President Trump for help.

Is there someone at the White House you could connect me to discuss?

Best Regards,
Ken

From: "Benton, Donald" <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:21 PM
To: Ken Flechler <KFlechler@pike.com>
Subject: MEETING YOU

Ken,

It was terrific meeting you. I enjoyed our visit very much. I was notified today that the President has appointed me to head my own agency, The United States Selective Service. I am of course excited and deeply honored. At the same time I am disappointed I won't be able to help you and others with over regulation issues here at the EPA.

This email will not work after Wednesday this week. My new email will be active by next week and I believe it will be: Don.benton@sss.gov and my personal cel is Personal Phone/Ex. 6
Please let me know next time you are in town and I would love to visit with you again.

Don

Senator Don Benton

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From: Egils Milbergs
Sent: Thur 4/13/2017 8:04:24 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting

Congrats Don. An important assignment -- wishing you all the best. Hope Erickson lands well also. Let's still plan on meeting after I come back from Seattle. Egils

Egils Milbergs
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Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 5:49 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Subject: Meeting

Don: Following up our chat at the Cherry Blossom Reception and email I sent. A

significant clean water innovation initiative is underway for WA state which will be of interest. I can brief you. Are you available for a meeting this week? Saturday could work as well. Let me know what works, Egils

To: Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]
From: dawn reeves
Sent: Thur 4/13/2017 7:51:46 PM
Subject: Re: trying again

Glad to hear your news, and I wish you the best.
Let me know if you ever want to chat about EPA.
Or I may just reach out in a few weeks and see how you are.
Dawn

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Most Sincerely,

Don Benton

White House Senior Advisor

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From: dawn reeves [mailto:dawn.reeves@iwpnews.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 11:10 AM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Subject: trying again

Hi Don,

I am checking to see if you have any interest in chatting on background about life at EPA,

such as it is. I saw the headline and lead of the Politico piece this morning and I am around
an reachable at **Personal Phone/Ex. 6**

Dawn

To: Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]
From: Chuck Cunningham
Sent: Thur 4/13/2017 7:46:02 PM
Subject: RE: OPEC's war on oil overhang starts to bear fruit

Long line outside.

----- Original message -----

From: "Benton, Donald" <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Date: 4/13/17 2:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Chuck Cunningham <chuckc@visi.net>
Subject: RE: OPEC's war on oil overhang starts to bear fruit

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From: Chuck Cunningham [mailto:chuckc@visi.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:29 PM

Subject: OPEC's war on oil overhang starts to bear fruit

I thought that you might be interested in these articles:

[OPEC's war on oil overhang starts to bear fruit](#)

[Bracing for oil's "decade of disorder"](#)

Chuck

Charles H. Cunningham

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To: don.benton@sss.gov[don.benton@sss.gov]
Cc: Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]; William Christian[wchristian@cagw.org]; Bill Christian[president@statesocieties.org]
From: William Christian
Sent: Thur 4/13/2017 7:44:44 PM
Subject: (For DIRECTOR BENTON) An Even SMALLER World -- Beyond the EPA and Cherry Blossom Princesses!
WMC Resume (20161026).pdf

Dear Sen. Benton:

First of all, congratulations on being sworn in as the new Director of Selective Service!

In the spirit of the "Small World" reference, I was following up on my note below, regarding our appreciation of your gracious participation in the recent Congressional Reception for our Cherry Blossom Princess Program. (As you may remember, I serve in a volunteer capacity as the President of the National Conference of State Societies, the non-profit, congressionally-chartered umbrella association for all state and territorial societies, and the steward of the Cherry Blossom Princess Program since 1948).

But even more "on point," vis-à-vis the "Small World" reference, I served as the last Republican-appointed Chief of Staff of the Selective Service System, during the administration of President George W. Bush. Moreover, during the post-election transition, I applied online for the opportunity to reprise that role in support of the Director of Selective Service in a Trump Administration, in order to provide some institutional memory and political perspective for the incoming team!

Regardless of what role I might be able to play, I would welcome the opportunity to visit with you in your new capacity, at your earliest convenience.

Once again, congratulations, and I hope that we may connect soon!

Respectfully submitted,

BILL

WILLIAM M. CHRISTIAN | Director of Government Affairs

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From: Benton, Donald [mailto:benton.donald@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 2:33 PM

To: William Christian <wchristian@cagw.org>

Subject: RE: (For EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT) CCAGW Letter in re West Lake Landfill

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From: William Christian [<mailto:wchristian@cagw.org>]

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:58 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Cc: William Christian <wchristian@cagw.org>; Bill Christian <president@statesocieties.org>

Subject: RE: (For EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT) CCAGW Letter in re West Lake Landfill

Importance: High

Sen. Benton,

In the spirit of "Small World," I wanted to take this opportunity to say, completely unrelated to our work here at CAGW, how much I appreciated your participation at our NCSS Cherry Blossom Princess Program Congressional Reception last week!

I'm sure that you'll be thrilled to learn that our Washington State princess, Miss Monika Keller, was voted (by her fellow Cherry Blossom princesses) as Miss Congeniality! This is the ONLY voted position in our program, so I know you'll appreciate (as much as I do) what that says about her outstanding personality.

Again, thank you for joining us, and I look forward to working with you, both professionally and in our state society activities. Please keep in touch!

Best regards,

Bill Christian (President, National Conference of State Societies)

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From: Benton, Donald [<mailto:benton.donald@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 5:53 PM

To: William Christian <wchristian@cagw.org>

Subject: RE: (For EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT) CCAGW Letter in re West Lake Landfill

My pleasure.

Don

Senator Don Benton

Senior White House Advisor

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From: William Christian [<mailto:wchristian@cagw.org>]
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: (For EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT) CCAGW Letter in re West Lake Landfill

Thank you, sir!

And please call me Bill. Let me just say that we are absolutely thrilled that General Pruitt is now the EPA Administrator. And this Texan is not always given to such kind words for those from north of the Red River!

In all seriousness, we very much look forward to working with y'all.

Best regards,

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To: William Christian <wchristian@cagw.org>
Subject: RE: (For EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT) CCAGW Letter in re West Lake Landfill

William,

Thank you for your email. I have flagged this issue for the Administrator's Chief of Staff.

Don

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From: William Christian [<mailto:wchristian@cagw.org>]
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 2:57 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: derrick.dockery@mail.house.gov; 'Suarez, Erica (McConnell)' <Erica_Suarez@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: (For EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT) CCAGW Letter in re West Lake Landfill
Importance: High

March 3, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt

Administrator

United States Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

In 1974, the West Lake Landfill, located near Lambert International Airport in St. Louis, Missouri, was closed. In 1990, the landfill was added to the National Priorities List, and in 2008, after 15 years of testing and analysis by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the agency issued a Record of Decision to place five feet of crushed rock, clay, and soil on top of the site, which would encapsulate the area and prevent any human contact. Private parties agreed to pay for this remediation work. In 2015, federal and state agencies determined that the site poses no public health or safety risk despite the fact there is some radiological material present.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that groundwater, air, and soil data do not indicate a health risk to surrounding communities.
- The EPA determined that there is no off-site risk from contamination.
- The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported that anything detected in the ambient air and landfill gas is below levels of public health concern.
- The Missouri Department of Natural Resources said that field screening observations did not identify any areas of health and safety concern.

On December 9, 2015, the EPA issued its “approved statement of work for Remedial Investigation Addendum and Final Feasibility Study.” The work would include a cleanup of the area and the erection of an isolation barrier between West Lake and the nearby Bridgeton Landfill, which had experienced a subsurface chemical reaction related to the kind of waste materials that were placed there that is now under control.

The EPA plan requires that private landowners cover the costs of both activities. All work was supposed to have been completed by the end of 2016.

Despite the work that had been done to finalize the remediation and cleanup, Sens. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) introduced S. 2306, which would undo the EPA’s agreement in three critical ways. First, the project would be led by the Army Corps of Engineers rather than the EPA. Second, a new assessment of the project would be required, which could delay any action for 10 years. Third, the entire \$400 million in costs would be shifted to U.S. taxpayers.

On February 2, 2016, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works discharged S. 2306 by unanimous consent, and the bill was agreed to by unanimous consent by the full Senate on the same date. There were no hearings, markups or critical evaluation of the legislation.

The “remedy” in S. 2306 creates a risky precedent for future cleanup efforts by shifting responsibility from private owners to the public sector without any public health or safety benefit. We appreciate your attention to this matter and your review of the attached material regarding this project.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue in more detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Schatz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

President

Council for Citizens Against Government Waste

cc: Hon. Mick Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Hon. James Mattis, Secretary of Defense

Hon. Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior

Hon. Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Hon. Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the Senate

Attachments

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To: Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]
From: John Stuhlmiller
Sent: Thur 4/13/2017 7:10:49 PM
Subject: Re: AG & WQ Advisory Committee Agenda - March 30, 2017

Thank you Don. I am truly sorry to see the move, but I hope this new position serves you well.

Thank you again for your service and in particular your help in organizing our meeting time with the Administrator when back there in March.

Is there a key contact (I am thinking of the gentlemen from Idaho and Colorado we met with) to touch base with or would the chief of staff be my best contact resource now?

John Stuhlmiller

Chief Executive Officer



Cell:

Office:

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From: Don Benton <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 11:22 AM
To: John Stuhlmiller <JStuhlmiller@wsfb.com>
Subject: RE: AG & WQ Advisory Committee Agenda - March 30, 2017

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From: John Stuhlmiller [mailto:JStuhlmiller@wsfb.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 12:16 PM

To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>

Cc: Evan Sheffels <ESheffels@wsfb.com>

Subject: Fwd: AG & WQ Advisory Committee Agenda - March 30, 2017

Don,

I hope life is smoothing out a bit for you.

Are you all aware of this briefing by Lucy? Has she been brought up to speed on President Trump/Administrator Pruitt's new direction for the agency?

This is a spot where McLerran was a real problem for us.

Thanks for your insight.

Best regards,

John Stuhlmiller
CEO
Washington Farm Bureau
Cell Personal Phone/Ex. 6

From: Evan Sheffels <esheffels@wsfb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 4:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: AG & WQ Advisory Committee Agenda - March 30, 2017
To: John Stuhlmiller <jstuhlmiller@wsfb.com>

John,

See attached. Meeting is tomorrow afternoon. Note that Lucy from EPA is on the agenda.

Would it help let someone in the Administration know? Or for them to reach out to Lucy? Or best to just see what she says and respond. I'm of two minds on this one.

Please get this to your best contact, if you think that best.

Evan

Evan Sheffels

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From: North, Teri (ECY) [<mailto:teno461@ECY.WA.GOV>]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Aaron Golladay <Agolladay@wsfb.com>; beavercreek@methownet.com; Bill Dewey <BillD@taylorshellfish.com>; Bob Schroeter <bschroeter@wadistricts.org>; Chris Wilke <chris@pugetsoundkeeper.org>; Darrin Morrison <dmmorrison@frontier.com>; Ed Field <ed@wafeeders.org>; Jim Peters <jpeters@nwifc.org>; Jon DeVaney <jon@wstfa.org>; Kay Meyer <pndsa@directseed.org>; Loren lentz <Personal Email/Ex. 6>; Nicole Berg <Personal Email/Ex. 6>; Rob Miller <Rob.Miller@agribeeff.com>; Scott Nielsen <cattleproducersofwa@gmail.com>; Suzanne Skinner <Personal Email/Ex. 6>; Tom Miller <tom-miller@sccd.org>; Tom Myrum <tmyrum@wsdra.org>; Toni Meacham <Personal Email/Ex. 6>; Tony Veiga <Personal Email/Ex. 6>
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<ranie@wstfa.org>; Rick Jones <rjones@odessaoffice.com>; Scott Nielsen
<rsnielsen@plixtel.com>

Subject: AG & WQ Advisory Committee Agenda - March 30, 2017

Good Afternoon and Happy Friday!

Attached is the agenda for the next Agriculture and Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 30 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** The meeting will take place at Ecology's Headquarters' office, located at 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA.

If you have any questions, let me know.

*Teri North, Assistant to the Director
Department of Ecology
(360) 407-7009
teri.north@ecy.wa.gov*

To: [Redacted] **Citizen Name/Ex. 6**
From: Benton, Donald
Sent: Wed 2/22/2017 7:04:35 PM
Subject: RE: R  sum  

We are thrilled to have Administrator Pruitt on board. I was fortunate enough to be there and to meet Justice Alito! Congrats on your interview and keep in touch.

Don

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From: [Redacted] **Citizen Name/Ex. 6**
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: R  sum  

Don,

Congrats on the EPA finally being unleashed via confirmation of Scott Pruitt! Thanks for all the important work you are doing to MAGA.

Personal Matters/Ex. 6

All my best,

Citizen Name/Ex. 6

Personal Phone/Ex. 6

On Jan 31, 2017, at 11:56 AM, **Citizen Name/Ex. 6** wrote:

Thank you so, so much, Don. I'll keep you posted. Keep up the great work MAGA!

Citizen Name/Ex. 6

Personal Phone/Ex. 6

On Jan 31, 2017, at 8:16 AM, Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov> wrote:

Citizen Name/Ex. 6 Thank you. Done. You will likely here from Billy Kirkland or Jason Botel who are heading up the transition at Education.

Don

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From: [Redacted] **Citizen Name/Ex. 6**
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:38 PM
To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Subject: R  sum  

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Date: January 30, 2017 at 3:52:46 PM PST
To: Don Benton <[Redacted] **Personal Email/Ex. 6**>
Subject: R  sum  

Don, here's my r  sum   along with my Application Number from applying through GreatAgain.gov. Thank you!!

Application # [Redacted] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

Citizen Name/Ex. 6

Personal Phone/Ex. 6

To: billy.kirkland@ [Personal Email/Ex. 6]
Cc: jason.botel [Personal Email/Ex. 6]
From: Benton, Donald
Sent: Tue 1/31/2017 4:13:18 PM
Subject: FW: R  sum  
[Citizen Name/Ex. 6] Resume, MAGA.pdf

Billy,

This applicant was highly recommended to the transition team by Peter Thiel. She was contacted by the team just before the inauguration but not again since it has been disbanded. I also know her personally and Jared Kushner asked me to vetter applicants from the NW. She is well qualified and very loyal to the President.

She was discussed as a strong possibility for the Civil rights department in Education.

Please try to find a spot for her.

Thank you,

Don

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Personal Phone/Ex. 6

To: Peacock, Marcus C. EOP/OMB; **EOP/Ex. 6**
From: Benton, Donald
Sent: Sun 1/29/2017 7:18:02 PM
Subject: Re: EPA + OMB = MAGA

Terrific! Come over on Wed or Thu, let me know which works better for you.
Don

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 27, 2017, at 7:54 AM, Peacock, Marcus C. EOP/OMB

EOP/Ex. 6

wrote:

Excellent, thanks Don. Sorry I didn't get back to you sooner yesterday but we're trying to turn around Mulvaney's QFRs which are in the hundreds. Of course we have nothing to complain about – I understand your guy got something approaching 2,000!! That's gotta be a record.

First off, you guys were great at implementing the reg freeze (especially compared to some other folks). That's been noted over here. If there are any reg actions you want to take right away that need to go through OMB, let me know and I can get them expedited over here. Second, based on his campaign promises, I'm expecting the President to release a number of documents that will strengthen regulatory review as well as agency requirements regarding, for instance, transparency of regulatory decisionmaking (e.g., making risk assessment computer models/assumptions available to the public). It may be a good idea, once the alligators are below your belt, for me to come over and just talk through possible changes so we could both better prepare for them. Executive Orders have been coming out fast and thick so if such a meeting could happen next week that may be good. Also maybe just a good idea for us to meet in person. I know it can sometimes seem like you are on an island over there.

Marcus

From: Don Benton [<mailto:benton@pacifier.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:29 PM

To: Freeland, Jeffrey K. EOP/OMB [REDACTED] Peacock, Marcus C. EOP/OMB [REDACTED]; Benton.donald@epa.gov
Subject: RE: EPA + OMB = MAGA

Hi Guys, We are kicking butt and taking names. Holly Greaves is our new CFO (we hope). Her phone is: 202-564-3028 and email is: greaves.holly@epa.com .

My email is benton.donald@epa.gov and phone number is 202.379.6901

Let us know how we can help you guys succeed!

Don

From: Freeland, Jeffrey K. EOP/OMB [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: EPA + OMB = MAGA

And including Don's EPA email address.

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Don/Charles,

I'm Marcus Peacock, the beachhead guy in charge of the regulatory shop (OIRA) at OMB. You guys are doing a lot of good stuff over there and I want to make sure OMB doesn't get in the way/helps out. If you could put me in touch with whomever on the beachhead owns or will own the relationship with OMB, that would be great.

Marcus

To: frank@frankwuco.com[frank@frankwuco.com]
From: Benton, Donald
Sent: Thur 2/2/2017 2:38:47 PM
Subject: FW: We need to dump this news service
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Frank,

FYI- my scientist here indicates that they disseminate a lot of false/fake news stories here at EPA.

Thought you may want to look into it.

Don

Senator Don Benton

Senior White House Advisor

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We don't need to continue disseminating this junk.

I don't know what we are paying bulletinintelligence.com but two other government contracts are worth over \$1 million each.

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Bulletin Intelligence LLC Wins \$1.3 Million Federal Contract

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Bulletin Intelligence LLC won a \$1,193,488.56 federal contract from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for media monitoring services.

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Administrator

Democrats Stall Committee Confirmation Vote On Pruitt.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/1, Dennis, Mooney, Weigel) reports Democrats boycotted a planned vote on EPA nominee Scott Pruitt. Democrats' staff distributed "an amendment from ranking member Tom Carper that would add new standards requiring nominees to submit more financial information." Sen. John Barrasso said he would not force a vote on Pruitt without Democrats in attendance, pledging to "move the nomination of Scott Pruitt as expeditiously as possible." [Bloomberg Politics](#) (2/1, Natter) reports Democrats told reporters that they were demanding transparency. Under committee rules, "at least two members of the minority must be present to constitute a quorum and allow the panel to take action on legislation and nominations," but the committee "could attempt to change those rules or temporarily suspend them in a bid to move Pruitt's nomination to the Senate floor" as done Wednesday by the Senate Finance Committee.

[E&E Daily](#) (2/1, Bravender) reports that Sen. Carper "said the responsibility falls on Pruitt" because he failed to fully answer Democrats' questions. Sen. Carper was also "particularly irked that Pruitt told Democrats they would have to request emails from his tenure as Oklahoma's top law enforcement official

under an open records process that has a nearly two-year backlog.”

E&E Publishing (2/1) notes that Republicans have boycotted committee votes in the past on EPA administrator nominees, including for Obama’s pick in 2013, Gina McCarthy. Reuters (2/1, Gardner) also reports. CBS News (2/1) reports that Republican members were critical of their Democratic counterparts for failing to attend, and accused them of obstructionism. Alaska Dispatch News (2/1) reports that Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan described the Democratic boycott as a “senatorial temper tantrum.”

More Than \$3M Spent Lobbying For, Against Pruitt For EPA Chief.

The Hill (2/2, Cama) reports that more than \$3 million has been spent by opponents and supporters of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt in an effort to sway his confirmation process. The “National Association of Manufacturers is the biggest spender in favor of Pruitt with a seven-figure ad campaign,” while Tom Steyer says his group NextGen Climate Action has spent similar amounts.

Additional Reading.

-  *Scott Pruitt Will Make America Great Again – For Polluters.* Huffington Post. (2/1)

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Gold King Mine Spill Update.

 *Gold King Mine Spill Update.* CRJ. (2/1)

KRDO-TV Colorado Springs, CO (2/1, 6:18 p.m. EST) reported, “New Mexico is update its long term plan to monitor the effect of the 2015 mine waste spill that fouled rivers in three western states. The state’s environment department says the plan was developed by a team that includes science and engineering experts. The state department representative says there are concerns about a decision by the EPA to not pay damage claims. EPA workers triggered the spill at the Gold King Mine, Southern Colorado, releasing 3 million gallons of waste water tainted with heavy metals.”

Climate Change

Sources: Dismantling Clean Power Plan Likely To Come After Pruitt Confirmation.

ClimateWire (2/1) reports White House press secretary Sean Spicer “sidestepped” a question “about whether the administration might target U.S. EPA’s endangerment finding,” which is used to justify the Clean Power Plan. Former Trump transition advisor Myron Ebell has said transition officials discussed potentially delaying an announcement on the Clean Power Plan until Scott Pruitt is confirmed as EPA administrator. Ebell said last week. “I think they’re trying to decide whether to do it before he’s confirmed, or wait until after he’s confirmed. And of course if the Democrats delay his confirmation, my guess is they won’t wait around.” Sources close to the transition “say that the complicated process of undoing the Clean Power Plan could be better managed under the stewardship of Pruitt and his team at the agency.” David Doniger at the Natural Resources Defense Council said, “As long as the endangerment finding is intact, then the agency is under legal obligation to curb the emissions from these sources.”

CA: Term-Limited Brown Has \$15M In His Campaign Account.

The Los Angeles Times (2/1, Myers) reports that Gov. Jerry Brown (D), who is term-limited in 2018, has “a \$15-million political war chest, one of the largest of any elected official in the state.” The Times says Brown “could easily use his campaign cash on any number of efforts,” including “potentially asking California voters to extend or expand the state’s landmark climate change laws,” though the Democrat currently “is staying out of any speculation about what might happen. ‘I think it’s safe to say he’s keeping his options open,’ said Dana Williamson, the governor’s political strategist.” The Times added that Brown “has more cash on hand than any of the three leading Democrats vying to replace him in 2018.”

California Bill Would Add “Social Costs” To Public Contract Bids.

The San Jose (CA) Mercury News (2/1, Murphy) reports a new California bill aims to add social costs of greenhouse gas emissions to bids by contractors vying for state-funded infrastructure projects. The measure “would be the first of its kind in the nation and would give companies an incentive to offer the best deal for the environment, not just the lowest price.”

EU Looks To China As US Retreats On Climate Change.

Reuters (2/1, De Carbonnel) reports EU officials are looking to China as the US retreats from international efforts to tackle climate change, “fearing a leadership vacuum will embolden those within the bloc seeking to slow the fight against global warming.” Some EU diplomats “worry Europe is too weak to lead on its own in tackling climate change” as Brexit, Russian energy dependence, and protecting industry threatening the bloc’s common policy. “We need to embrace the fact that China has invested very heavily in clean energy,” Gregory Barker, climate change minister to former British Prime Minister David Cameron, told Reuters. “If America won’t lead then it’s clear that China will.”

Energy

US House Votes To Repeal SEC “Extraction Rule”.

Reuters (2/1) reports that the Republican-led House of Representatives voted to remove “two major U.S. rules aimed at curbing corruption and pollution in the energy sector.” The Senate is expected to take up the issue as soon as Thursday. The Securities and Exchange Commission’s “extraction rule” was approved in 2010 to require energy companies, such as Exxon Mobil and Chevron Corp., to publicly state the taxes and other fees they pay to governments. On the House floor, chairman of the Financial Services Committee Jeb Hensarling said the rule was part of “a radical leftist elitist agenda against carbon-based jobs.”

Renewable Energy Industry Urges Trump To Consider Green Jobs In Rural Areas.

Bloomberg News (1/31, Martin) reports the renewable energy industry wants the Trump Administration to know that when it comes to “bringing energy jobs to rural communities: get out of the coal mines and look to the sky.” The US wind power industry had over “100,000 workers at the end of the year and the solar industry had more than double that,” and they are “a significant source of employment in many of the rural red states that supported Donald Trump’s campaign.” At the beginning of last year there were 65,971 coal mining jobs, the Energy Department reports. Renewable energy industry leaders “say the rural areas that missed out on economic growth under President Barack Obama are benefiting from the expansion of clean energy.” The article mentions that while Trump Administration will be “more fossil-fuel friendly,” former Texas Governor Rick Perry, Trump’s choice to be the next energy secretary, “helped his state become the largest producer of wind power.”

Pastor Enthusiastic About Perry, Other Evangelicals In Cabinet. In an article about evangelical support for Trump and today's National Prayer Breakfast, the [Washington Post](#) (2/1, Bailey) reports Ronnie Floyd, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, indicated that he "is especially excited by 'followers of Christ' nominated for Trump's Cabinet." Rick Perry was listed among those he was excited about. Floyd said of evangelicals, "The administration has been way over the top in giving them visibility and recognition that we can bring values."

Palomarez Supports Perry For DOE Secretary. Javier Palomarez, president and CEO of the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, writes in an op-ed for [The Hill](#) (2/1, Palomarez) that the mission of the Energy Department "is to ensure America's security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions." With Gov. Perry's "knowledge and experience in this arena, we believe he is a qualified candidate to serve as secretary of Energy." Palomarez concludes, "We hope for a smooth confirmation and look forward to working with him to keep powering America's business future."

Enforcement

Volkswagen Agrees To Emissions Cheating Scandal Settlement.

The [New York Times](#) (2/1, Ewing) reports Volkswagen has agreed to a settlement of "more than \$20 billion to settle civil and criminal suits in the United States over its diesel emissions scandal" that affects around 600,000 cars. Through the settlement, "owners of two-liter vehicles and 2009-12 three-liter models can either sell them back to Volkswagen for a price reflecting their value before September 2015, when the diesel cheating became known, or have their cars repaired free." [Bloomberg News](#) (2/1, Mehrotra) reports specifically, the filings from the San Francisco federal court indicate the compensation would be "as much as \$16,114." The deal "brings the total damages in North America to more than \$23 billion." Repurchasing the 3-liter vehicles adds to "the 482,000 2-liter autos that are being bought back or repaired under a previous agreement." Should VW not make the repairs on time according to the deal, the company's "burden from the issue will increase to as much as \$4.04 billion." US District Judge Charles Breyer is set to review the "proposed 3-liter settlement on Feb. 14." If he gives "preliminary approval, car owners and others would be given a chance to comment on the agreement before it becomes final."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/1, Wilkes) reports that in a separate US settlement on Tuesday, German parts supplier Robert Bosch GmbH agreed to a settlement of \$327.5 million for allegation it helped created the defeat device software that was installed in VW cars. If the settlement is approved, the investigation into Bosch would be closed. The [New York Times](#) (2/1, Ewing) reports Bosch has continuously denied any knowledge or involvement in the emissions cheating scandal and did not admit to any wrongdoing as part of the settlement with VW owners and the Federal Trade Commission. The company still faces a criminal investigation by German attorneys "as well as multiple civil suits by Volkswagen owners in Europe." On Wednesday, Bosch said it would "continue to defend its interests in all other civil and criminal law proceedings and to cooperate comprehensively with the investigating authorities in Germany and in other countries."

[Reuters](#) (2/1) highlights lawsuits and investigations VW still faces that have yet to be resolved, including: lawsuits from other US locations; German damages claims; a lawsuit in Australia, several other lawsuits from European countries; and the indictments of several VW executives in South Korea.

The [Financial Times](#) (2/1, McGee) provides additional coverage.

Other News

EPA Workers Grow More Concerned About Political Interference.

Greg Sargent writes for the Washington Post (2/1, Sargent) in its “Plum Line” blog on anxiety among federal workers in the EPA. John O’Grady, president of the union that represents some EPA employees nationwide, told The Washington Post “that Trump’s firing of the acting attorney general who said she would not defend his immigration order in court was producing a ‘chilling effect through the agency.’” O’Grady said political interference was a worry and that insiders are concerned that internal dissent with such interference, or efforts to draw attention to it, could meet with punishment in the form of “losing a job” or “not being promoted” or “not getting a prime assignment.”

House Science Committee To Hold Hearing On “Making The EPA Great Again”.

ClimateWire (2/1, Bravender) reports that next week a House committee will hold a hearing on “Making the Environmental Protection Agency Great Again.” House members are likely to discuss the “Secret Science Reform Act,” which would require the EPA to use only “transparent and reproducible” science to develop regulations. Democrats and opponents to the bill “say the measure would have a crippling effect, since large-scale studies are not easy to reproduce and some industry or private data can’t be made public.”

Gorsuch Seen As Smart But Light On Energy Issues.

E&E News PM (2/1, Gilmer) reports that President Trump chose Judge Neil Gorsuch from the 10th US Circuit Court of Appeals as his Supreme Court nominee. “Gorsuch’s record on energy and environmental issues is light, but experts have described the Colorado native as well-qualified and traditionally conservative.” BakerHostetler attorney Mark Barron praised Gorsuch as having Scalia’s brand of “intellectual firepower” and for being “smart as hell.” In remarks following Trump’s announcement, “Gorsuch highlighted his commitment to impartiality, independence and collegiality on the bench,” E&E reports. E&E profiles Gorsuch, reporting that he is “most notable for his extreme distaste for Chevron deference, a legal doctrine under which judges typically defer to an agency’s judgment when it is interpreting ambiguous law.” Such deference arises “frequently in litigation surrounding technical rules” from the EPA, the Interior Department and other agencies covering energy and the environment. On specific energy and environmental issues, “Gorsuch’s record is less developed,” but include rulings the story goes on to detail.

Gorsuch May Overturn Chevron Deference, Dems Planning Pruitt Vote Boycott. Bloomberg Government (2/1) reports in its blog that if President Trump’s pick for the Supreme Court Neil Gorsuch is confirmed, it would putting a leading critic of “Chevron deference” on the court. Gorsuch wrote in a concurring decision last year, “But the fact is Chevron and Brand X permit executive bureaucracies to swallow huge amounts of core judicial and legislative power and concentrate federal power in a way that seems more than a little difficult to square with the Constitution of the framers’ design. Maybe the time has come to face the behemoth.” Senate Democrats are also planning to boycott a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee vote on EPA nominee Scott Pruitt. Sen. Tom Carper complained that Pruitt failed to provide documents from his time as Oklahoma AG, and he was not forthcoming in his answers to questions. Carper said, “I also asked him to name any EPA regulation on the books today that he supports. Mr. Pruitt could not name one.”

Murkowski Urging GOP Leaders To Bring Perry Nomination To Senate Floor For Vote.

The “Morning Energy” blog of Politico (2/1) reported Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski signaled that she’s urging “Republican leadership to move the nominations of Rick Perry for DOE and Interior selection Ryan Zinke up the line for floor consideration, after both won bipartisan backing from her committee Tuesday. But she admits Democrats may hold up fast confirmations for both.” Murkowski told ME, “My hope is that the strong bipartisan support that we had for both gentlemen will allow them to find an easier path forward. ... It does worry me because the president deserves to have a Cabinet.”

In articles about other Trump Cabinet nominees, the Los Angeles Times (2/1, Mascaro), the Wall Street Journal (2/1, Harder), the Washington Post (2/1, Snell, Weigel, O'Keefe) and NPR (2/1, Seipel) mention that Perry and Zinke were approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday.

Saudi Oil Minister Lauds Trump Energy Policies. The Wall Street Journal (2/1, Faucon, Amon) reports Saudi Arabian oil minister Khalid al-Falih yesterday offered praise for the energy policies of President Donald Trump and signaled that he is in favor of increased oil production in the US "as long as they grow in line with global energy demand." On Wednesday, al-Falih told the BBC, "President Trump has policies which are good for the oil industry, and I think we have to acknowledge it." He also applauded the choices Trump has made for his Cabinet, including Perry who Falih called "pro-oil and gas."

Civil Servants At Odds With Superiors Over Trump's Executive Actions.

The Hill (2/1, Kamisar) reports civil servants have begun publicly clashing with their superiors over some of President Trump's executive actions. Chris Lu, the former deputy secretary of Labor in the Obama Administration, says, "I don't recall any kind of dissent like this happening either in a Democratic or Republican administration — this is clearly unusual." Administration officials fired back that if civil servants disagree with the policy decisions, they are free to find other jobs. The Washington Post (2/1, Joe Davidson |, Columnist) reports despite the outcry of some employees, there is "no verifiable revolt by the workforce" against President Trump. Megan Durham, retired Fish and Wildlife Service deputy assistant director for external affairs, says "Sometimes you have to suck it up, choose your battles, and do the best you can within the system to educate your political bosses and continue to perform your agency's mission."

The Washington Post (2/1) reports federal workers are in "regular" contact with Obama Administration appointees about possible avenues of backlash against President Trump's initiatives. Some have created social media accounts aimed at leaking word of possible changes Trump appointees plan to make. Other officials have stated they will "slow their work" if they are asked to do tasks they agree with.

The Washington Post (2/1, Selk) reports the EPA's twitter account has remained silent since President Trump took office. Canadian officials are warning US civil servants they may face a "regime of censored science" similar to what happened in Canada after former Prime Minister Stephen Harper took office. In 2014, 800 Canadian scientists sent Stephen Harper an open letter warning that "Canada's leadership in basic research, environmental, health and other public science is in jeopardy."

Additional Reading.

●■■■■■■■■■ ***Neil Gorsuch's Late Mother Almost Annihilated The EPA. Is History Repeating Itself?*** Newsweek. (2/1, Brenner)

Rules/Regulations/Policy

NRDC Files Complaint Against EPA For Rescinding Mercury Protection Rule.

Reuters (2/1, Stempel) reports "mere hours after Trump took office," the EPA withdrew its final rule seeking reductions in the discharge of mercury from dental offices. Natural Resources Defense Council has filed a complaint against the EPA claiming the agency "illegally" rescinded the rule.

Manufacturers Hope Trump Policies Speed Up Environmental Permitting.

Bloomberg Government (2/1) reports that manufacturers hope President Donald Trump's call to expedite permitting for new projects "will galvanize the EPA and state environmental regulators to speed up their permit review processes and pursue broader revisions to underlying regulations." The article adds that the manufacturing sector "has highlighted regulatory requirements, including delays in the processing of necessary permits, as a barrier to investment in domestic manufacturing projects." According to NAM Senior Director for Energy and Resources Greg Bertelsen, the Trump memo is "right in line" with what the NAM's message on environmental regulations has been for the past several years.

Toxics/TSCA

EPA Begins Testing For Toxic Vapor Intrusion In Ballston Spa.

The Schenectady (NY) Daily Gazette (2/1, Campbell) reports that the EPA will begin testing for "vapor intrusion" of carcinogenic air contaminants in the basements of Ballston Spa homes that may have migrated from an old dry-cleaning business. Don Graham, project coordinator for the EPA, said that the agency will assist property owners in installing air-blocking systems if the contaminants are found in homes.

Local TV Coverage: Ballston Spa Contamination Miscommunication. WXXA-TV

TV Albany, NY (2/1, 10:04 p.m. EST) reported, "A new concern about the chemical contamination that's coming from an abandoned dry cleaning shop in Ballston Spa. The EPA says Saratoga County called them to investigate the Ricketts property this past summer, but the Mayor of Ballston Spa wasn't alerted until the end of December. The EPA says their investigation began back in August when Saratoga County called them with concerns after a rep visited the site and saw asbestos and some mercury switches. The attorney for the county says it was up to the EPA to tell the mayor. The EPA says communication is important and that they will continue to keep in contact with those involved."

WTEN-TV

Albany, NY (2/1, 6:00 p.m. EST) reported similar coverage.

Water

Estimated Cost Of Keeping Flint On Detroit Water System: More Than \$45M.

MLive (MI) (2/1, Fonger) reports the Genesee County, Michigan Drain Commissioner's Office told the state's Department of Environmental Quality that keeping Flint and its neighboring suburbs connected to the Great Lakes Water Authority while it works towards being capable of treating its own water could cost more than \$45 million over a two-year period. While keeping Flint connected to the GLWA is expensive compared to other options under consideration by city and state officials at the moment, "experts have increasingly advised the state that the fewer changes in source water, the better for Flint."

Researchers Find Discontinuation Of Corrosion Control Measures Caused Flint Water Crisis.

MLive (MI) (2/1, Fonger) reports Virginia Tech researchers published a peer-reviewed report which found that the Flint water crisis was caused by the decision to discontinue adding orthophosphate inhibitors once the state switched the city to a Flint River-dependent water supply. A news release highlighting the report said, "In the tap water, the high lead concentrations strongly correlated with the levels of cadmium, zinc and tin, which were also components of the pipe's original internal coating. ... According to the researchers, these results suggest that without corrosion inhibitors, the Flint River water caused the rust layers (with attached lead) to release from the interior of the iron pipe."

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Since we are all being integrated into the agency in our respective roles, there is no need to continue our group meetings. Each of you will be meeting with your respective department and office heads in your own meetings. As Presidential Appointees, Charles and I will continue to be available to you individually if you need my assistance in any matter.

I cannot say enough about the fantastic job you have all done here over the last 6 weeks. I will remember it as one of the best team experiences I have had in my life. I know that you will move forward and continue to do your part to Make America Great Again and to make President Trump and Administrator Pruitt wildly successful in their roles.

Thank you for Everything,
Don

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Sent: Thur 3/30/2017 2:41:00 PM
Subject: RE: Leaving EPA

It doesn't look like I'll be free until 5. But tomorrow I am free from 9:45-noon.

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Actually that's at the top of my to-do list. I'll try to catch you this morning or early this afternoon. What times would be best?

David

From: Greenwalt, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Kreutzer, David <kreutzer.david@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Leaving EPA

Thank you! Also, before I forget, let me know if there's any other information w/r/t Puget Sound or otherwise that I should know going forward. I don't want your institutional knowledge to be lost!

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Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

I was looking forward to working with you too. However I think my skill set will better employed working as a research fellow again. Best of luck!

David

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2017, at 7:59 PM, Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

David, I am sad to see you go! Was looking forward to working with you. Best of luck to you!

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:49 PM

To: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>; Munoz, Charles <munoz.charles@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Sugiyama, George <sugiyama.george@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov>

Cc: Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>

Subject: Leaving EPA

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To: Kreutzer, David[kreutzer.david@epa.gov]
From: Gunasekara, Mandy
Sent: Thur 3/30/2017 11:47:25 AM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

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Best,
Mandy

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Kreutzer, David[kreutzer.david@epa.gov]
From: Davis, Patrick
Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 10:09:38 PM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

You can always call

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2017, at 6:05 PM, Kreutzer, David <kreutzer.david@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm really going to miss my drop-in chats with you. Plus, I'm losing access to my network.

From: Davis, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Kreutzer, David <kreutzer.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>; Munoz, Charles <munoz.charles@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Sugiyama, George <sugiyama.george@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov>; Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

David,

God speed. I know where to come for some sanity and a good laugh. It has been a fun and wild ride.

Patrick

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Kreutzer, David[kreutzer.david@epa.gov]
From: Schwab, Justin
Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 9:53:07 PM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

David,

Sounds like a good opportunity. I'll miss you though. Let's try to have lunch before you leave.

Best,

Justin

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Kreutzer, David[kreutzer.david@epa.gov]
From: Dutcher, Victoria
Sent: Thur 2/2/2017 9:19:44 PM
Subject: FW: EPA candidates and resumes package from Heritage
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Thx!!

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From: Dutcher, Victoria

Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 3:20 PM

To: 'munoz.charles@epa.gov'

Subject: EPA candidates and resumes package from Heritage

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Congratulations, thanks and best wishes!! DRAIN THAT SWAMP!

Vicki

To: Kreutzer, David[kreutzer.david@epa.gov]
From: The Heritage Foundation
Sent: Mon 10/16/2017 2:47:42 AM
Subject: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: President Trump to address Heritage Tuesday October 17

David,

In my 44 years with The Heritage Foundation, this is certainly one of the more notable announcements I've made.

It is my honor to announce that President Donald Trump will address Heritage members at our annual President's Club Meeting on **Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30 pm Eastern**.

I invite you to listen to President Trump's message and participate in the conversation by tuning in live here --<https://secured.heritage.org/watch-pres-trump/>. You don't want to miss it!

When you use this link you'll also get a chance to comment on the speech and share your thoughts on how we can make America great again.

Heritage has been instrumental in providing the Trump administration with sound policies and experts who now serve in key government positions.

The Trump Administration has drawn from Heritage's plans to balance the budget, cut wasteful government programs and agencies, strengthen our national security, fix our broken immigration system, protect religious liberty and the dignity of life, and provide tax relief to Americans.

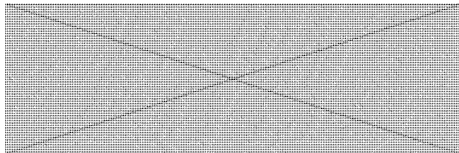
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This will be a memorable day for Heritage.

Onward!

Ed Feulner
President

P.S. As I prepare for the event, I'd love to hear from you. If you could ask President Trump a question, what would you ask? Ask here -- <https://secured.heritage.org/watch-pres-trump/>
I look forward to reading your response.



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To: Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
From: Kreutzer, David
Sent: Thur 3/30/2017 12:15:40 PM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Kreutzer, David
Sent: Thur 3/30/2017 12:25:52 AM
Subject: Re: Leaving EPA

I was looking forward to working with you too. However I think my skill set will better employed working as a research fellow again. Best of luck!

David

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2017, at 7:59 PM, Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

David, I am sad to see you go! Was looking forward to working with you. Best of luck to you!

Sarah A. Greenwalt

Senior Advisor to the Administrator

for Water and Cross-Cutting Issues

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov

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To: Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov]
From: Kreutzer, David
Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 10:02:56 PM
Subject: RE: Leaving EPA

Thanks!

From: Dravis, Samantha
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Kreutzer, David <kreutzer.david@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Leaving EPA

David, I wish you all the best and I hope our paths continue to cross. Thank you so much for all the work you did to help Administrator Pruitt and the cause in general, we really will miss you.

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From: Kreutzer, David
Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 10:01:36 PM
Subject: RE: Leaving EPA

Will do. I wasn't sure who handled that.

From: Munoz, Charles
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Kreutzer, David <kreutzer.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Sugiyama, George <sugiyama.george@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov>; Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>
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Thank you for everything over the last 3 months, David. Heritage is lucky to have you back.

On a business note, we need to talk about off-boarding you so please call me anytime tomorrow morning to finalize everything.

Thank you,

Charles Munoz

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To: Dutcher, Victoria[Victoria.Dutcher@heritage.org]
From: Kreutzer, David
Sent: Fri 2/3/2017 4:41:08 PM
Subject: RE: EPA candidates and resumes package from Heritage

Thanks. However, for some reason, the attachments were peeled off by my email system.

Also, please note that my email is archived and subject to Freedom of Information Act requests. So, anything you email to me could end up in the papers. In general, I advise against forwarding email threads.

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Take care,

David

From: Dutcher, Victoria [mailto:Victoria.Dutcher@heritage.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Kreutzer, David <kreutzer.david@epa.gov>
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From: Schnare, David
Location: William Jefferson Clinton - North Building
Importance: Normal
Subject: Declined: EPA + OMB = MAGA
Start Date/Time: Fri 2/3/2017 6:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 2/3/2017 7:00:00 PM